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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

For the purposes of line numbers referred to herein, lines of text as well as blank lines between paragraphs are counted. Accordingly, beginning the numbering with the first line of the text after the title, the second paragraph on page 1, for example, is designated herein as beginning at line 7 of the text as originally filed, the third full paragraph on page 2 begins at line 16 of the text as originally filed, and so on.

On page 1, please delete all of the text appearing before the title of the invention, as well as the two horizontal lines preceding and following the title.

On page 1, before line 1, please insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, line 6, please insert the following heading:

--2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

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On page 3, line 20, please insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 as follows:

--It is an object of the present invention to develop a connection system which satisfies high sterility requirements, but can nevertheless be produced in a simple and cost-saving manner. ~~Said This~~ object is solved by the ~~features mentioned in claim 1~~ present invention which is directed to a connection system for the connection of, in particular, two or more sterile systems. The connection system includes at least one male connecting element forming a closed end of a sterile, fluid-containing system and at least one female connecting element forming the closed end of a second sterile, fluid-containing system which can be aseptically connected to one another. Both of the connecting elements each have a predetermined breaking point, with the breaking points being arranged one above the other when the two connecting elements are assembled so that they form a common predetermined breaking point and can be broken off together, with the predetermined breaking point being located inside the fluid-containing system.--

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On page 6, line 30, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

On page 7, line 14, insert the following heading and paragraph following thereafter:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

On page 9, after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one

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skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of  
the following claims.--.